

Covenant Life

- Our next Prayer Meeting is **Today** where we will celebrate **Pentecost** together.
- After today, we return to our 2nd and 4th Sunday pattern and meet on June 9 and 23.
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Reflection

On the night before He died Jesus prayed that we would *"all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me"* (John 17:20-21). Then after His resurrection, He appeared to the disciples and instructed the to *"stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."* (Luke 24:49).

Jesus' plea was for **unity** so that the world would believe in Him and open the door to eternal life...but this is only possible through the power of His Holy Spirit. Hence the direction to remain in Jerusalem until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost!

What a special day this is. The [First Reading](#) tells the story of the amazement of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit especially the Gift of Tongues. What is so exciting is that we too can and do experience this same gift, this same transformative power! Anyone who has asked Jesus into their life and asked for the release of the Holy Spirit can and will experience this same transformative power. It is meant to happen in every age. This life changing power fuels our own ability to follow the example of His disciples and work to fulfill the mission that Jesus entrusted to us.

Recall that it was Blessed Elana Guerra at the turn of the prior century who asked Pope Leo XIII to pray for outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He prayed *Veni Creator Spiritus, Come Creator Spirit*, which was fulfilled within 24 hours at Stones Folly and sparked the Renewal of the 20th century. Later, at the Ark in the Dove young Catholics sang this same prayer during the Duquesne weekend that ignited the Catholic Renewal.

Today, at our Gathering, we will begin with this same prayer as we call upon a new Pentecost to fall upon us! This is in response to Jesus' promise: *"ask and you will*

receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:9-13)

Today we will stand on these promises and pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit...upon us individually, as a Community, and for our world. We who desire Him and pray for Him with expectant faith are assured of this outpouring!

The [Responsorial Psalm](#) today reminds us that the Holy Spirit is essential if we are to renew the face of the earth. It is our responsibility to do our part in our age to combat the evil one and shine a light on the transformation possible when we surrender to our Lord and live in the power of His Spirit. Let us stand up today, ask for a new Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit within us will enable us to be one, that the world will believe, and that we will renew the face of the earth in our day and time!

Heavenly Father, Jesus our Lord and Savior, I ask that You send the power of Your Holy Spirit upon me! I repent of anything that might hold me back from Your Spirit. I accept You, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I give over control of my life henceforth to You. Take control of every aspect of my life as I now live for You. Allow me to build unity and spread the Good News of Your unconditional love to a world that is crying out for You. I love You Lord! Amen."

God Bless,

David